

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

IN RE ALTA MESA RESOURCES, INC.  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 4:19-cv-00957

Judge George C. Hanks, Jr.

ALYESKA MASTER FUND, L.P.,  
ALYESKA MASTER FUND 2, L.P., and  
ALYESKA MASTER FUND 3, L.P.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALTA MESA RESOURCES, INC., f/k/a  
SILVER RUN ACQUISITION  
CORPORATION II *et al.*,  
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 4:22-cv-01189

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(AUSTRALIA REGISTERED), *et al.*,

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**APPENDIX TO DEFENDANTS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF  
MOTION TO EXCLUDE OPINIONS OF EXPERT WITNESSES  
STEVEN P. FEINSTEIN AND ZACHARY NYE UNDER RULE 702**

In accordance with Court Procedure 7(B)(3), Moving Defendants submit this Appendix in support of their Reply in Support of Motion to Exclude Opinions of Expert Witnesses Steven P. Feinstein and Zachary Nye, which is filed concurrently herewith. Moving Defendants rely on the following evidence to support their motion:

Ex. No.	Description
5	Excerpts of the Deposition of Audra L. Boone, Ph.D. taken on November 16, 2023

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IN RE ALTA MESA RESOURCES, INC.  
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STENOGRAPHIC AND VIDEO-RECORDED  
REMOTE VIRTUAL DEPOSITION OF  
AUDRA L. BOONE, Ph.D.  
Thursday, November 16, 2023  
9:50 a.m.

Stenographically recorded by:  
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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 Thursday, November 16, 2023</p> <p>3 9:50 a.m.</p> <p>4</p> <p>5 T R A N S C R I P T of the stenographic and</p> <p>6 video-recorded remote virtual deposition of AUDRA L.</p> <p>7 BOONE, Ph.D., held pursuant to the Federal Rules of</p> <p>8 Civil Procedure, on Thursday, November 16, 2023,</p> <p>9 commencing at approximately 9:50 a.m.,</p> <p>10 stenographically recorded by Josephine H. Fassett, a</p> <p>11 Registered Professional Reporter, Certified Court</p> <p>12 Reporter, and Notary Public of the states of New</p> <p>13 York and New Jersey.</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 APPEARANCES (cont'd.):</p> <p>3 APPEARING ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANTS ALTA MESA</p> <p>4 RESOURCES, INC., JAMES T. HACKETT, HARLAN H.</p> <p>5 CHAPPELLE, WILLIAM GUTERMUTH, JEFFREY H. TEPPER,</p> <p>6 THOMAS J. WALKER, DIANA J. WALTERS, RIVERSTONE</p> <p>7 INVESTMENT GROUP LLC, STEPHEN COATS, MICHAEL E.</p> <p>8 ELLIS, PIEERE F. LAPEYRE, DAVID M. LEUSCHEN, DONALD</p> <p>9 SINCLAIR, AND RONALD SMITH:</p> <p>10 LATHAM &amp; WATKINS LLP</p> <p>11 555 Eleventh Street, N.W.</p> <p>12 Suite 1000</p> <p>13 Washington, D.C. 20004</p> <p>14 202.637.2200</p> <p>15 BY: HENRY ZAYTOUN, ESQ.</p> <p>16 henry.zaytoun@lw.com</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 -----INDEX-----</p> <p>3 WITNESS PAGE</p> <p>4 AUDRA L. BOONE, Ph.D.</p> <p>5 By Mr. Smith 9</p> <p>6 By Mr. Hampson 228</p> <p>7</p> <p>8 AFTERNOON SESSION - 129</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 -----EXHIBITS-----</p> <p>11 PLAINTIFF DESCRIPTION PAGE</p> <p>12 Exhibit 807 Expert Report of Professor Audra 27</p> <p>13 L. Boone, Ph.D., dated October</p> <p>14 19, 2023</p> <p>15 Exhibit 808 Expert Report of Zachary Nye, 237</p> <p>16 Ph.D., dated August 31, 2023</p> <p>17 Exhibit 809 Article titled Shareholder 285</p> <p>18 Litigation Risk and the</p> <p>19 Information Environment:</p> <p>20 Revisiting Evidence from Two</p> <p>21 Natural Experiments dated May 5,</p> <p>22 2023</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 BOONE, Ph.D.</p> <p>2 stenographic record.</p> <p>3 If there are any objections to</p> <p>4 proceeding today, please state them now.</p> <p>5 Hearing no objections, the court</p> <p>6 reporter may swear in the witness and we</p> <p>7 can proceed.</p> <p>8 AUDRA L. BOONE, Ph.D.</p> <p>9 the witness, having been duly sworn, was examined</p> <p>10 and testified under oath as follows:</p> <p>11 EXAMINATION</p> <p>12 BY MR. SMITH:</p> <p>13 Q. Good morning, Ms. Boone. Am I</p> <p>14 pronouncing your last name correct, Boone?</p> <p>15 Am I pronouncing your last name</p> <p>16 correctly?</p> <p>17 A. Yes, that's correct.</p> <p>18 Q. All right. Can you please state your</p> <p>19 full name for the record.</p> <p>20 A. My name is Audra Boone. A-u-d-r-a</p> <p>21 B-o-o-n-e.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>23 And my name is Trig Smith. I work for</p> <p>24 the law firm of Robbins Geller, the counsel that</p> <p>25 represents plaintiffs in the class case. Do you</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 170</p> <p>1 BOONE, Ph.D.</p> <p>2 A. Again, as I'm understanding, you're</p> <p>3 telling me they're not linked, and I'm making the</p> <p>4 assumption, based on the evidence that you gave,</p> <p>5 that the warehouse delayed reporting, there's</p> <p>6 somebody made a determination there was fraud. So</p> <p>7 based on the hypothetical that you gave me, again,</p> <p>8 I don't see that there's a link that was between</p> <p>9 those two based on the information that I</p> <p>10 understand you gave me.</p> <p>11 Q. And you would agree that in the</p> <p>12 instance, the hypothetical that we've agreed to,</p> <p>13 that that disclosure of the CFO being fired would</p> <p>14 be potentially negative confounding information?</p> <p>15 A. Based on the information that you've</p> <p>16 presented that there are two pieces of information</p> <p>17 that you've told me are unrelated to each other,</p> <p>18 that is possible that could be viewed as</p> <p>19 confounding information if they were again</p> <p>20 released at the exact same time with each other.</p> <p>21 Q. And you would agree under that</p> <p>22 hypothetical if a plaintiff's expert were trying</p> <p>23 to estimate what the damages were, the expert</p> <p>24 would have to control for that negative</p> <p>25 confounding information to arrive at what the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 172</p> <p>1 BOONE, Ph.D.</p> <p>2 for a legal conclusion.</p> <p>3 A. So I just want to be clear. Now we're</p> <p>4 stepping back from the hypothetical, we're back</p> <p>5 into the specifics of the case with Alta Mesa</p> <p>6 Resources?</p> <p>7 Q. Yes.</p> <p>8 A. Okay. Again, for what I have -- what my</p> <p>9 conclusion is, is that the plaintiffs' experts</p> <p>10 have not provided information that could go to a</p> <p>11 jury that would tell them how much of any price</p> <p>12 decline was associated with any particular piece</p> <p>13 of information.</p> <p>14 Q. And I understand that, but that's not</p> <p>15 answering my question.</p> <p>16 My question is: Is it your position in</p> <p>17 this case that after the jury has seen all the</p> <p>18 evidence provided to it, including the experts'</p> <p>19 opinions, and the way that evidence is presented,</p> <p>20 that the jury would be incapable of making the</p> <p>21 allocation decision that you're criticizing</p> <p>22 Dr. Feinstein for failing to do?</p> <p>23 MS. MARURI: Objection. Calls for a</p> <p>24 legal conclusion.</p> <p>25 A. I don't know what the jury would be able</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 171</p> <p>1 BOONE, Ph.D.</p> <p>2 damage figure is?</p> <p>3 A. If somebody were to approach this and</p> <p>4 they wanted to assign specific damages to the</p> <p>5 information about the warehouse burning down, they</p> <p>6 would -- and, again, the specific damages -- they</p> <p>7 would need to consider how much of the residual</p> <p>8 return that day was due to that particular</p> <p>9 information relative to the unrelated information.</p> <p>10 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>11 I think we're getting towards the end of</p> <p>12 this. I just have a handful of questions left.</p> <p>13 And if you need a break, just let me know. I'm</p> <p>14 more than happy to accommodate it between now and</p> <p>15 then.</p> <p>16 I'm not asking you whether this is an</p> <p>17 opinion that you're stating in your report, I just</p> <p>18 want to make that clear.</p> <p>19 Is it your position that a jury would be</p> <p>20 incapable, in light of all the evidence that it's</p> <p>21 presented during trial, of concluding how much of</p> <p>22 that inflation is attributable to the ICFR</p> <p>23 statement and the other bits of confounding</p> <p>24 information that you've identified?</p> <p>25 MS. MARURI: Object to form. Calls</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 173</p> <p>1 BOONE, Ph.D.</p> <p>2 to conclude, but I do know that the information</p> <p>3 that is presented in the plaintiffs' reports do</p> <p>4 not provide any roadmap for how much of the</p> <p>5 returns were associated with any of the purported</p> <p>6 corrective disclosures.</p> <p>7 Q. Again, I understand that, but that's not</p> <p>8 responding to my question.</p> <p>9 My question is, is after the jury</p> <p>10 considers all the evidence in the case, is it your</p> <p>11 position that they would have been incapable of</p> <p>12 making the allocation decision that you're</p> <p>13 criticizing Dr. Feinstein for failing to do with</p> <p>14 regard to Mr. Dimitrievich and Mr. McMullen?</p> <p>15 MS. MARURI: Objection to form.</p> <p>16 A. Yeah, I don't know what the jury would</p> <p>17 be able to determine. That's not my role here is</p> <p>18 to do that, other than, again, to point out that</p> <p>19 based on what I've seen there's not information</p> <p>20 to -- presented to them that would do that.</p> <p>21 Q. Is it your position that a jury is</p> <p>22 incapable of looking at the evidence and saying,</p> <p>23 well, I know what a big lie is and I know what a</p> <p>24 small lie is, so, you know, I'm just going to --</p> <p>25 this artificial inflation that's been given to me,</p>


<p style="text-align: right;">Page 174</p> <p>1 BOONE, Ph.D.  2 I'm just going to apportion 10 percent to the ICFR  3 false statement. Do you think that that would be  4 an improper jury verdict?  5 MS. MARURI: Objection. Calls for a  6 legal conclusion.  7 A. Yeah, I don't know what the jury would  8 be capable of. I mean, it would be based on the  9 entirety of the evidence that is presented at  10 trial.  11 What I can offer you is to say, again,  12 based on what I have reviewed and put in my  13 report, there is no economic evidence that has  14 been offered by plaintiffs that would allow them  15 to disaggregate any information associated with  16 the ICFR and alleged -- and risk alleged  17 misstatements.  18 Q. Okay. That's just based on the evidence  19 that you've seen cited in the expert reports,  20 correct?  21 A. Yeah, and any of the other public  22 filings that I have reviewed.  23 Q. And you don't pretend to have any  24 knowledge whatsoever of the entirety of the record  25 in this case -- what that evidence says. How it</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 176</p> <p>1 BOONE, Ph.D.  2 MS. MARURI: Objection. Asked and  3 answered multiple times.  4 A. As I'm sitting here today, I don't know  5 all the evidence that would be presented to the  6 jury, nor am I on the jury, right, to make a  7 determination. But the evidence that I reviewed  8 regarding the reports of Professor Feinstein, and  9 Dr. Nye as well, do not offer any disaggregation  10 of the different information that was disclosed  11 that day that would provide a roadmap for  12 allocating specific damages to any particular  13 party.  14 Q. Is it your position that Dr. Feinstein  15 has not done that, that the jury does not have the  16 tools necessary to make the allocation decision?  17 MS. MARURI: Objection. Calls for a  18 legal conclusion.  19 A. I don't know what other tools the jury  20 might be given here. But Doctor or Professor  21 Feinstein's report does not give information on  22 the disaggregation of any of those particular  23 parts, so that's where my opinion is.  24 Q. Is it your position that it would be  25 impossible for the jury to make the allocation</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 175</p> <p>1 BOONE, Ph.D.  2 may be presented to a jury -- you don't have any  3 knowledge of that, right?  4 MS. MARURI: Objection to form.  5 Misstates prior testimony.  6 A. So, again, the -- I stayed within the  7 scope of my assignment, which was to look at those  8 two, look at those two misstatements. So as part  9 of that I didn't deem it necessary to look at  10 everything else because I was only confining to  11 these particular misstatements and the general  12 issue of how the analysis was done to allocate any  13 damages.  14 Q. Do you know how many pages of documents  15 have been produced in this case?  16 A. I do not know.  17 Q. Millions. Have you looked at all that  18 evidence?  19 A. It wasn't within the scope I deemed  20 necessary, so I have not reviewed millions of  21 pages.  22 Q. All right. So is it your position that  23 the jury would not have the necessary tools to  24 make the allocation decision that you're  25 criticizing Dr. Feinstein for?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 177</p> <p>1 BOONE, Ph.D.  2 decision that you're criticizing Dr. Feinstein for  3 failing to do -- strike that.  4 Is it your position that because  5 Dr. Feinstein didn't do that analysis that the  6 jury could not reach a verdict regarding the  7 allocation decision that you're criticizing  8 Dr. Feinstein for?  9 MS. MARURI: Objection. Calls for a  10 legal conclusion.  11 A. I don't have any other information to  12 know what the jury might be presented with.  13 Q. Okay.  14 A. My role here is to analyze the economic  15 evidence on the damages for these misstatements  16 attributed to Mr. Dimitrievich and Mr. McMullen.  17 And Professor Feinstein has not provided any  18 disaggregation of the potentially confounding  19 information that came out in February 2019 and May  20 of 2019.  21 Q. According to your position, because  22 Doctor -- you're saying that Dr. Feinstein did not  23 perform disaggregation. Okay. So I'll just  24 accept that as true.  25 A. Okay.</p>

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7 November 16, 2023, and that the transcript is a  
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9 and that the answers on the record as given by me  
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